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JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Acadia*

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D.N. (Dale) McGowan
Deputy Commissioner, M.O.M.
Commanding Officer, RCMP "K" Division
11140 – 109 Street
Edmonton, AB T5G 2T4

Dear Deputy Commissioner McGowan:

During this flooding disaster in southern Alberta, I have admired the dedication and commitment of Alberta's law enforcement agencies to maintaining law and order and ensuring the safety of persons, property, and the communities. Earlier this week, I had the privilege to join the Hon. Vic Toews, Minister of Public Security through High River and he shared the same level of admiration for the terrific service from members of the RCMP.

As discussed with you yesterday, throughout my visits to High River over the past week, some residents in High River have asked why firearms were collected from numerous private dwellings. The concerns from residents revolved around three general concerns. First, I would ask you to please confirm that these firearms are stored and not confiscated or seized. Second, is there a plan to communicate to Albertans a process to retrieve their lawful property? Last, will there be a process if proof of ownership was destroyed in the flood?

Again, I thank you and the RCMP for their exceptional service at this time of crisis in southern Alberta.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Denis, QC
Minister